

1 11. (Once Amended) A binding compound comprising an antibody binding site which specifically binds to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

2 12.

(Once Amended) The binding compound of Claim 11, wherein:

a) said antibody binding site is:

- 1) specifically immunoreactive with a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- 2) raised against a purified or recombinantly produced human DC-STAMP; or

3) in a monoclonal antibody, Fab, or F(ab)<sub>2</sub>; or

b) said binding compound is:

- 1) an antibody molecule;
- 2) a polyclonal antiserum;
- 3) detectably labeled;
- 4) sterile; or
- 5) in a buffered composition.

15. (Reiterated) A detection kit comprising said binding compound of Claim 12, and:

a) instructional material for the use of said binding compound for said detection; or

b) a compartment providing segregation of said binding compound.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned, "Version with markings to show changes made."

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10, 13, 14, and 16-20 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner subject to the Restriction